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2. A computer program, residing on a computer-readable medium, for synchronizing a first database residing on a first computer with a second database residing on a second computer, wherein there are a plurality of synchronization modes specifying the procedure to be used for synchronizing the first and second databases, comprising instructions for causing:

the first computer to make a choice of a proposed synchronization mode from among the plurality of synchronization modes, and to transmit to the second computer a notification of the proposed synchronization mode and at least one operation operative on a record stored in the second database; and

the second computer to return to the first computer a confirmation message accepting the proposed synchronization mode,

wherein the at least one operation is transmitted to the second computer before the second computer returns to the first computer the confirmation message accepting the proposed synchronization mode.